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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1615
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For: **ENTERIC COATED FORMULATION OF A BENZIMIDAZOLE
DERIVATIVE AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF**

APPENDIX A

Please amend the claims as indicated according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 concerning a manner for making claim amendments.

1. (Currently amended) An enteric coated formulation of a benzimidazole derivative, comprising a core containing a complex of the benzimidazole derivative and an ~~ion-exchange~~ anion-exchange resin, and an enteric coating on the surface of said core, said enteric coating being hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate having a degree of substitution by phthalic acid group of 20 to 27%, and said benzimidazole derivative being selected from the group consisting of omeprazole, pantoprazole, timoprazole or picoprazole.

2. (Currently amended) The enteric coated formulation according to claim 1, wherein the benzimidazole derivative

~~comprises~~ is omeprazole.

Claims 3-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method for preparation of an enteric coated formulation of a benzimidazole derivative, comprising coating a core containing a complex of a benzimidazole derivative and an ~~ion-exchange~~ anion-exchange resin with an enteric coating agent of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate having a degree of substitution ~~by phthalic acid~~ of 20 to 27%, said benzimidazole derivative being selected from the group consisting of omeprazole, pantoprazole, timoprazole or picoprazole.

9. (Currently amended) The enteric coated formulation according to claim 1, wherein the benzimidazole derivative ~~comprises~~ is pantoprazole.

10. (Currently amended) The enteric coated formulation according to claim 1, wherein the benzimidazole derivative ~~comprises~~ is timoprazole.

11. (Currently amended) The enteric coated formulation according to claim 1, wherein the benzimidazole derivative

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~~comprises~~ is picoprazole.